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2. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (PTO/SB/30) (*in duplicate*);
3. Amendment and Argument Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114;
4. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
5. Form PTO-1449 listing 1 document (1 page);
6. A copy of the 1 cited document as listed on Form PTO-1449 (AL1);
7. One (1) return postcard; and
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